



Human Rights Commission - Agenda

Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Time: 8:00 PM

Location: 27 Maple Street, HHS Conference Room, 2nd Floor

Conducted by Hybrid (Remote and In-Person)

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On March 29, 2023, Governor Healey signed into law a supplemental budget bill that extends the temporary provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2025. Specifically, this extension allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body being physically present at a meeting location and to provide "adequate, alternative" access to remote meetings. The language does not make any substantive changes to the Open Meeting Law other than extending the expiration date of the temporary provisions regarding remote meetings from March 31, 2023, to March 31, 2025.

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/updated-guidance-on-holding-meetings-pursuant-to-the-act-extending-certain-covid-19-measures>

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1. Remote Meeting Notice and Land Acknowledgement
2. Review of September 2023 Meeting Minutes
3. Statement on 40th Anniversary of Iranian massacre of Baha'i Women (Farjam Mohtadi)
4. Draft Statement on Israel
5. Incidents & Complaints & APD Updates
 - a. Commissioner Updates
 - b. APD

6. DEI Update
 - a. Coffee Chats
7. MAHRC Update/Issues - Commissioner Soneja
8. Working Group Updates
 - a. Schools & Education
 - b. Outreach / Events
 - o IPD 2024 Co-Sponsorship
 - o Budget Requests
 - c. Communications
 - o Rapid Response Team
9. Co-Chairs Report
 - a. APD Meeting with Chief Flaherty
 - b. DEI Co-Chairs
 - c. Housing Working Group
10. MCAD Training on Civil Rights
11. Community Input
12. Announcements
13. Next meeting – Wednesday, November 15, 2023
 - a. Incident Handling
 - October: Commissioner Bauer
 - November: Commissioner Pusey
 - December: Commissioner Horwitz
14. Adjournment

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 8:00 pm, Remote Participation

Anyone needing accessibility information or assistance to attend this meeting should contact Tim Ross at tross@town.arlington.ma.us. This meeting is open to all interested individuals.